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A note from the headteacher

Last week I attended the Head Teacher's Conference in Stratford-upon-Avon and was lucky to hear some inspiring and motivational speakers; in addition to hearing about the lie of the land in our current education system.

One of the guest speakers was Mary Myatt, an education advisor, OFSTED inspector and author. I was delighted to hear that her mantra is: 'Running schools for children, not for inspection'; a belief that lies at the heart of all that we currently do here at Bladon. Mrs Myatt spoke about paying attention to the human being as much as the 'hard stuff (learning)'. She paid much attention to the importance of living the school values which is an area that as a community we are going to look to revisit towards the end of this academic year. Should you wish to read more of her thoughts then Mrs Myatt has an education blog at www.marymyatt.com

I also attended a talk given by Duncan Bathgate, a Head Teacher at a small school in Suffolk. There, he has 'turned teaching on its head' by allowing the children take on the role of experts and lead the learning in each classroom. He provided an inspirational vision to take back to schools.

The last speaker of the conference was Dr Andrew Curran a practising paediatric neurologist and neurobiologist who has been recognised for using his extraordinary knowledge of the workings of the human brain to make a difference in the educational experience of all young people. He explained that for a child to learn they must feel safe, happy and secure which is something we at Bladon firmly believe in and why I truly believe the children here flourish.

Tracey Fletcher
Headteacher

If you have any questions or queries concerning the school or your child/children, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or contact me at school. Alternatively, you can email me at head.3146@bladon.oxon.sch.uk

Things at school have been really busy with all of the children sitting their assessments to show how much they have learnt since the beginning of the year. The teachers and myself have been really impressed with their hard-work.

Next week we have parents' evening on Monday and Thursday and we look forward to sharing with you how well your child/ren are doing at school. Your child's spring report will be given to you at the meeting, which details their learning targets in reading, writing and maths.

On Friday 24th March it is Red Nose Day. We have some exciting things planned. It would be great if your child/ren could wear non-uniform that is red in colour to support this worthwhile charity.

We would also like to invite parents into school on the same day for a fish and chips meal to eat with the children. Please let the office know if you would like to join us. Then after school (weather permitting) the children will be busking (sharing short performances) in the playground to help to raise even more money. There will also be a cake sale and the village shop will be selling sweets at the same time. All money raised will go to the Red Nose charity. Don't forget to invite people from the village and beyond. It would be great to really involve the whole of the wider Bladon community.

We sadly say goodbye to our two student teachers this week, Miss Hedley in Willow Class and Mrs Ahmed in Apple Class. We thank them for all of their hard work whilst at Bladon and wish them all the best in their future careers in education; we are going to miss them very much.

PE News....

We played in the West Oxfordshire Netball Finals this week and came first so we are very proud to be representing Oxfordshire on April 5th.

Behaviour and Manners....

Imogene Thomas and Layla Mallick

Uniform Sale...

Uniform donations to the office please and the sale itself after school on the 24th March in the playground. £1 an item all proceeds going to comic relief.

Important dates:

Monday 20th March- Parents Evening

Thursday 23rd March- Parents Evening

Friday 24th March – Mother's Day Lunch and Red Nose Day

Friday 7th April- Break up for Easter Holidays at 1.30pm

Monday 24th April- Return to School.